GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:173
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2003
COW SLAUGHTER
MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI;THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the States where slaughter of cow and its progeny is legally banned;

(b) the steps the Government propose to take to completely ban the cow slaughter throughout the country;

(c) whether slaughter of cow and its illegal transportation is on the rise in some States; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a)to(d): A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 173 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd March, 2003.

(a): The following States/Union Territories have enacted legislation for banning/restricting the slaughter of cow and its progeny:-

S.No.	State	Union Territories
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
2.	Assam	2. Chandigarh
3.	Bihar	3. Dadra & Nagar Haveli
4.	Goa	4. Daman-Diu
5.	Gujarat	5. Pondicherry
6.	Haryana	6. National Capital Territory of Delhi
7	Himachal Pradesh	
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	
9.	Karnataka	
10.	Madhya Pradesh	
11.	Maharashtra	
12.	Orissa	
13.	Punjab	
14.	Rajasthan	
15.	Sikkim	
16.	Tamil Nadu	
17.	Uttar Pradesh	
18.	West Bengal	
19.	Manipur	
20.	Uttranchal	
21.	Jharkhand	
22.	Chhattisgarh	

(b): It is in the State list. Even then the Government of India is examining the issue.

(c) &(d): There is no evidence that slaughter of cow and its illegal transportation is on the rise. In regard to the transportation of animals, Government of India have notified the Transport of Animals (Amendment) Rules, 2001 on 26.3.2001.Rule 96 of the said Rules reads as under:-

`96 - Issue of certificate before transportation`

A valid certificate issued by an officer or any person or Animal Welfare Organization duly recognized and authorized for this purpose by the Animal Welfare Board of India or the Central Government shall be procured by any person making transport of any animal before transportation of such animals verifying that all the relevant Central and State Acts, rules and orders pertaining to the said animals including the rules relating to transport of such animals have been duly complied with and that the animal is not being transported for any purpose contrary to the provision of any law.

In the absence of such certificate, the carrier shall refuse to accept the consignment for transport.

If any transporting agency transports animals without the said certificate they are liable to be punished.